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The family of Jack Hunt hopes the request will answer questions about the circumstances of Hunt's death — including why healthcare providers ordered Hunt's request for a Pfizer vaccine instead of the AstraZeneca shot, which it [vaccinated](#) with three days before his death, according to Dutch [outlet](#).

During today's hearing, Hunt's attorneys, Mik Jones, told investigators healthcare officials did not take note of the frightened of the vaccine's risks, Jones [press](#) was with them when he got the first dose of the vaccine on May 25, 2021, and immediately started to feel sick. He died just days later on June 7, 2021.

Coroners in England and Wales must hold inquests in cases where deaths are sudden, unexplained or could have occurred as a result of poisoning or industrial disease.

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Prior to being vaccinated, Hunt and Jones, a personal assistant, discussed the AstraZeneca vaccine and requested an alternative, [according](#) to Ponman Harris.

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Staff at the vaccine center allegedly told them the Pfizer vaccine was not available and encouraged the AstraZeneca jab, which Hunt subsequently received.

European regulators on April 7, 2021, [announced](#) they'd found a "possible link" between the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine and "blood clots combined with low levels of platelets" in a small number of people.

The announcement came after the European Medicines Agency (EMA) reviewed [a total of 62 cases of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis](#) and [18 cases of the splanchnic vein thrombosis in the EU among people](#) that [published](#) [a total of 62 cases of cerebral venous sinus thrombosis](#) and [18 cases of the splanchnic vein thrombosis in the EU among people](#) that [published](#) on March 22, 2021. Eighteen of the cases were fatal.

The EMA and the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) in the United Kingdom [launched](#) a review of the vaccine's safety after the MHRA [received](#) [a](#) slightly higher incidence in the younger age group.

MHRA regulators advised that the "existing benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risks" [account](#) when considering the use of the vaccine.

The U.K.'s Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization (JCVI), also on April 7, 2021, [acknowledged](#) reports of an "extremely rare" adverse event of concurrent [thrombosis](#) [blood clots] and [thrombocytopenia](#) [low platelet counts] following vaccination with the AstraZeneca vaccine, [Vaxzevria](#) and the [Covishield](#) vaccine.

The JCVI said: "The available data to suggest there may be a trend for increasing risk with younger age groups, although the number of cases in older age [incidence reported in the younger adult age groups."](#)

These concerns led Jonathan Van Tam, England's then-deputy chief medical officer, to recommend individuals under age 30 in the U.K. be offered an alternative to the AstraZeneca jab, provided one was available and it did not cause a substantial delay.

The JCVI on May 5, 2021, [updated its guidance](#) advising against the AstraZeneca vaccine for people under the age of 30.

Despite these well-publicized warnings and recommendations, Hunt's vaccine center-documented nurse's concerns and administered the AstraZeneca vaccine to Hunt and [confirmed](#) [he](#) does.

Following the April 7, 2021, warnings by U.K. and EU public health officials, the U.K.'s Expert Haematology Panel for the diagnosis and management of [rare thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome](#) (TTS) [published](#) [a set of](#) [recommendations](#) for treating individuals who developed the condition.

The recommendations [published](#) by the panel included [investigating](#) [avoiding](#) platelet transfusions and [anticoagulating](#) [with](#) [non-heparin-based](#) [therapies](#).

Healthcare officials [are required to report](#) probable cases of ATT to the panel and its Public Health England.

"Given the family's concerns over advice given during the vaccine clinic and our duty to investigate deaths where there is uncertainty as to the cause of death, we are supporting them in the fact-finding process which will hopefully help prevent [will help prevent]," Ponman Harris explained.

Following the inquest, the coroner may write a report if the evidence suggests further avoidable deaths could occur and, in the coroner's opinion, preventative action should be taken.

The coroner will send the report to the person or authority that has the power to take the appropriate steps to reduce the risk. A reply will be written to the coroner.

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The coroner's request is [published](#) online so members of the public will have access.

An [request](#) is held in public and in a formal process. Unlike a criminal court case, there is no prosecution and defense. However, findings at the inquest can lead to malpractice lawsuits.

Jack graduated from Coventry University, where he was an honors student in the field of automotive design. He and Jones had recently purchased a home and he planned to propose to her last summer.

"Jack's parents, Tracey and Peter, his sister, Abby, Alex and both their families are devastated and heartbroken and are trying to come to terms with their unexpected loss," Ponman Harris [said](#).

[The Defender has reported](#) on other deaths related to the AstraZeneca vaccine, including the confirmation [in the U.S.] of one mother from South Dakota who died in March 2021, of a catastrophic brain bleed nine days after getting the AstraZeneca vaccine. On April 23, 2021, the Defender [reported](#) on the death of a 37-year-old Canadian nurse from hemorrhage after getting the AstraZeneca shot on April 27, 2021.

In August 2021, a woman [unvaccinated](#) [in South Ukraine, NE, died from ATT](#) [with](#) [those](#) [deaths](#) after her first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

The AstraZeneca vaccine in the U.S. was co-developed by the pmear Institute and the Oxford Vaccine Group at the University of Oxford in the U.K.

Because the vaccine is manufactured in the U.K., it has experience easier to store and transport than the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines, and is approved in the EU and U.K. in the early stages of the pandemic.

In the U.K., patients cannot generally choose which COVID-19 vaccine they will receive.

The AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is not authorized for use in the U.S.

Subscribe to the Defender and all three COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the U.S., [Moderna](#) and [Johnson & Johnson](#).

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